

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~Blood~~ blood withdrawal system (1) for collecting blood for analytical or diagnostic purposes, comprising:

a housing (3) with an exit opening (4) for the lancet tip of the lancet needle of a lancet (5) that ~~can be~~ is moved in the housing (3) along a predetermined puncturing path,

a lancet guide ~~by means of~~ which guides the lancet (5) ~~can be guided~~ along the predetermined puncturing path,

a lancet drive (8) ~~by means of~~ which drives the lancet (5) ~~can be driven and moved~~ along the predetermined puncturing path in the puncturing direction until its tip, ~~being~~ is in a puncturing position, ~~exits from the exit opening (4), and~~

a lancet storage container (6) ~~that is~~ arranged in the housing (3) and in which a plurality of lancets (5) ~~is kept in store~~ stored at a removal position for removal from the lancet storage container (6),

~~characterized in that~~

~~it~~ comprises a lancet tip protective element (13), into which the lancet tip can be inserted before or after a puncturing motion, whereby the protective element (13) mechanically and hygienically protects a lancet tip that is inserted therein, and

~~in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) is being arranged on the lancet tip in a parking position of the lancets (5), ~~whereby the parking position does not coincide coinciding~~ with the removal position and or the puncturing position.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~Blood~~ blood withdrawal system ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) and the parking position are arranged ~~in the immediate vicinity of~~ proximate the exit opening (4).

3. Currently Amended) The ~~Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein~~ characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) is ~~arranged~~ stationary in the housing (4).

4. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) can is adapted to be driven onto the lancet tip ~~by means of a drive~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet (5) can be driven by ~~means of~~ the lancet drive into the parking position, in which the lancet tip is situated in the lancet tip protective element (3).

6. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising characterized in that it comprises a holding facility (19) for holding the lancet (5) in the parking position.

7. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged such that the lancet tip can be inserted into the lancet tip protective element (13) by a motion that proceeds parallel to the puncturing motion.

8. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged in the lancet storage container (6).

9. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) comprises an elastic material (15) into which the lancet tip can be inserted.

10. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the lancet tip

protective element (13) comprises a sterilizing, microbicidal, inactivating, disinfecting, bactericidal or fungicidal material for cleaning or protecting the lancet tip.

11. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of according to claim 9, wherein characterized in that the elastic material (15) is designed according to claim 10 comprises a sterilizing, microbicidal, inactivating, disinfecting, bactericidal or fungicidal material for cleaning or protecting the lancet tip.

12. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of according to claim 9, wherein characterized in that the elastic material (15) comprises a cover (21) made of an absorbent material.

13. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) or the elastic material (15) is replaceable.

14. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that it is designed such that a lancet (5) can be used repeatedly multiply to collect multiple blood samples and can be driven into the lancet tip protective element (13) between puncturing motions.

15. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising characterized in that it comprises operating elements the user can use to set whether a new lancet (5) from the lancet storage container (6) or a lancet (5) from the parking position in the lancet tip protective element (13) that was used previously for taking a blood sample is used for the subsequent blood taking process.

16. (Currently Amended) The Blood blood withdrawal system of claim 1 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising characterized in that it

~~comprises a test element cartridge (17) that is integrated into the blood collection system, preferably is arranged inside the housing (3).~~

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A Blood~~ blood analysis device (2), ~~in particular portable, mobile~~ blood analysis device, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising a blood withdrawal system (1) according to any one of the claims 1 to 16.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A Method~~ method for ~~taking~~ drawing a blood sample with a blood withdrawal system (1) ~~for analytical or diagnostic purposes, whereby the blood withdrawal system comprises~~ comprising a housing (3) with an exit opening (4) for the lancet tip of the lancet needle of a lancet (5) that is moved in the housing (3) along a predetermined puncturing path; ~~and comprises~~ a lancet guide ~~by means of~~ which guides the lancet (5) is guided along the predetermined puncturing path, ~~comprises~~ a lancet drive (8) ~~by means of~~ which drives the lancet (5) is ~~driven and moved along the predetermined puncturing path in the puncturing direction until its tip, being in a puncturing position, exits from the exit opening (4), and~~ ~~comprises~~ a lancet storage container (6) that is arranged in the housing (3) and in which a plurality of lancets (5) is ~~kept in stored~~ at a removal position for removal from the lancet storage container (6), ~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising, ~~the lancet tip is inserted~~ inserting the lancet tip into a lancet tip protective element (13) before or after a puncturing motion, whereby the protective element (13) mechanically and hygienically protects a lancet tip that is inserted therein, and ~~in that arranging~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) is ~~arranged~~ on the lancet tip in a parking position of the lancets (5), whereby the parking position does not coincide with the removal position and the puncturing position.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of according to claim 18, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) and the parking position are arranged ~~in the immediate vicinity of~~ proximate the exit opening (4).

20. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged stationary in the housing (4).

21. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising driving characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) is driven onto the lancet tip ~~by means of a drive~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising driving characterized in that the lancet (5) is driven ~~by means of the lancet drive~~ into the parking position, in which the lancet tip is situated in the lancet tip protective element (13).

23. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising holding characterized in that the lancet (5) is held in the parking position by ~~means of a holding facility~~ (19).

24. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising arranging characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged such that the lancet tip is inserted into the lancet tip protective element (13) by a motion that proceeds parallel to the puncturing motion.

25. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising transporting characterized in that it comprises a procedural step, in which a lancet (5) that was used to perform a puncturing motion is transported back to the lancet storage container (6).

26. (Currently Amended) The Method method of claim 25, characterized in that further comprising inserting the used lancet (5), into a lancet tip protective element before being transported characterized in that it comprises transporting it back to the lancet storage container (6) and being placing it in the parking position, is inserted into a lancet tip protective element (13).

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising replacing characterized in that it comprises a procedural step, in which the lancet storage container ~~(6)~~ is replaced.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18, wherein according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a lancet is used multiply to take a multiple blood sample samples and is driven into the lancet tip protective element ~~(13)~~ between the puncturing motions.